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SUBJECT: JAPANESE INTEREST IN INCREASING 219 SHIPMENTS

1. ACCORDING EMBASSY TOKYO GOJ INTENDS TO REQUEST AGAIN 2.2 MILLION SYE FOR 219 DURING CURRENT AGREEMENT YEAR. AMONG ARGUMENTS EMBASSY EXPECTS GOJ TO EMPHASIZE IS THAT 219 LEVEL FOR JAPAN IS LOWER THAN THAT FOR KOREA AND TAIWAN.

2. AN ADDITION TO RESPONDING TO THIS ARGUMENT ON GENERAL GROUND THAT AGREEMENTS NOT INTENDED TO BE COMPARABLE RESPECTING SPECIFIC PRODUCTS, IT MAY BE USEFUL TO BE PREPARED TO CITE OTHER PRODUCTS FOR WHICH COMPARISON BETWEEN JAPAN AND KOREA AND TAIWAN IS REVERSED.

3. IT MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL TO POINT OUT THAT SPECIFIC CEILINGS RESULTED FROM NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON HISTORICAL TRADE AT THE TIME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. AS GOJ KNOWS, AGREEMENTS WITH FOUR FAR EASTERN SUPPLIERS ALL NEGOTIATED AT THE SAME TIME AND AGREEMENTS WERE CONCLUDED AT THE SAME TIME. GOJ KNOWS THAT ITS OVERALL LEVELS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN THESE OF THE OTHER THREE. WE

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SEE NO VALIDITY TO ANY ARGUMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT AN

OCCASIONAL SPECIFIC CEILING MAY BE LOWER THAN THAT OF
SOME OTHER COUNTRY.
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